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## MOTION TO OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE STATEWIDE FINGERPRINT IMAGING SYSTEM (ITEM NO. 7, AGENDA OF JANUARY 14, 2003)

Item Number 7 on the January 14, 2003 agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich to send a five-signature letter to Governor Davis opposing the elimination of the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS). This is a system that detects and reduces multiple-case fraud in the CalWORKs and Food Stamp programs.

Despite the California Bureau of State Audits' recommendation that the State evaluate whether the SFIS should be continued, the Governor's Proposed FY 2003-04 Budget includes \$10 million General Fund for the SFIS to be used for maintenance and operations activities. This amount represents a reduction of \$731,000 in the current and Budget years, due to the shift of system operation costs to counties.

The Department of Public Social Services indicates that SFIS is an important fraud prevention measure and recommends support for this motion, and we concur. Support for the recommendation to oppose the elimination of SFIS is consistent with existing County policy to implement fingerprint imaging as a fraud deterrent system in General Relief, Food Stamps and CalWORKs.

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